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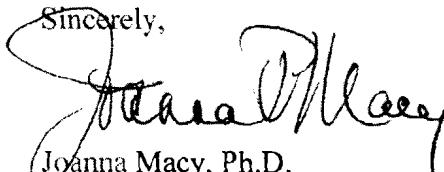
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I am writing to oppose the use of Yucca Mountain for storage of nuclear waste. The reasons for rejecting this option are manifold; some include:

- 1 [Yucca Mountain is a sacred site to the Western Shoshone Nation, and is on land that belongs to them by the Treaty of Ruby Valley.]
- 2 [• Research has shown that water has moved through the proposed nuclear disposal site; therefore it is inevitable that radioactivity from the waste will seep into the ground water.
 - Transportation of nuclear waste puts millions of people at risk in the event of an accident--specifically 50 million people in 43 states along the proposed transportation route. Accidents can and do happen, as evidenced in 1991 in Springfield, MA, when a truck carrying nuclear fuel rods crashed into the freeway median, releasing radioactive material onto the highway and road below.
 - The transportation route is also dangerous because it cannot be safely secured. The State of Nevada (NWPO) estimates that a successful terrorist attack could release up to 40,000 curies from a rail cask. The rail and truck casks are easy to identify, and therefore easy to target. They have never been tested for deliberate sabotage.
 - The choice of Yucca Mountain is politically motivated. It has no technical or geological basis. In fact, the immediate area is proven to be very vulnerable to earthquakes.]

For serious consideration of the best alternatives see the People's Policy on Radioactive Waste: <http://www.h-o-m-e.org/Yucca/index.htm>.

Sincerely,


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